

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/IB2004/003677

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
 G06T7/20 H04N7/26 H04N7/36 H04N5/14

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
 G06T H04N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, INSPEC, WPI Data, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No
X	<p>SHI Y Q ET AL: "OPTICAL FLOW-BASED MOTION COMPENSATION ALGORITHM FOR VERY LOW-BIT-RATE VIDEO CODING" INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF IMAGING SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY, WILEY AND SONS, NEW YORK, US, vol. 9, no. 4, 1998, pages 230-237, XP000768994 ISSN: 0899-9457 the whole document</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-/-</p>	<p>1-9, 15-17, 20-22, 24-26</p>

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Patent family members are listed in annex

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A	<p>PEKER K A ET AL: "Automatic measurement of intensity of motion activity of video segments" PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPIE, SPIE, BELLINGHAM, VA, US, vol. 4315, 24 January 2001 (2001-01-24), pages 341-351, XP001176760 ISSN: 0277-786X page 345 - page 347</p> <p>-----</p> <p>NIKHIL BALRAM ET AL: "NONCAUSAL PREDICTIVE IMAGE CODEC" IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON IMAGE PROCESSING, IEEE SERVICE CENTER, PISCATAWAY, NJ, US, vol. 5, no. 8, 1 August 1996 (1996-08-01), pages 1229-1242, XP000595722 ISSN: 1057-7149 page 1229 - page 1234</p> <p>-----</p> <p>POLANA R ET AL: "Recognition of motion from temporal texture" PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMPUTER SOCIETY CONFERENCE ON COMPUTER VISION AND PATTERN RECOGNITION. CHAMPAIGN, IL, JUNE 15 - 18, 1992, NEW YORK, IEEE, US, 15 June 1992 (1992-06-15), pages 129-134, XP010029299 ISBN: 0-8186-2855-3 abstract pages 130-131: section "3 Temporal Texture"</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>1-9, 15-17, 20-22, 24-26</p> <p>9</p> <p>1-9, 15-17, 20-22, 24-26</p>

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons

- 1 Claims Nos
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely

- 2 Claims Nos
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically

- 3 Claims Nos
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6 4(a)

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application as follows

see additional sheet

- 1 As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims

- 2 As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee

- 3 As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos

- 4 No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims, it is covered by claims Nos

1-9, 15-17, 20-22, 24-26

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims : 1-9, 15-17, 2G-22, 24-26

Detection and modelling of spatially correlated space-time features in video images (i.e. in-frame correlations) by non-causal Markov random fields or non-causal auto-regressive models

2. claim: 10

Observation of the motion status of video objects by observing the temporal evolution (i.e. from frame to frame) of statistical parameters of related space-time features (e.g. this subject matter may be related to the automatic observation whether an object starts or stops moving)

3. claim: 11

Automatic Video indexing for content based video retrieval using the statistics of space-time features

4. claim: 12

Shape recognition and posture estimation of video objects (e.g. of peoples) by examining the horizontal and vertical histograms (i.e. projections of motion blocks (or of related features of motion blocks) onto the x and y-axis of the video frames)

5. claims: 13, 19, 23

Bit rate allocation in video coding based the statistics of space-time features of image blocks

6. claims : 14,18

De-interlacing (scan line conversion) of video signals using space-time features
